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**BOX CPA**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Shinichi NISHIDA, Teryaki SUZUKI, Masayoshi SUZUKI,  
Makoto WATANABE, Eriko FUJIMAKI and Yoshihiko HIRAI  
ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL  
Assignee: **NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q46916

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 08/960,224 (Confirmation No. Unknown) filed on October 29, 1997 of Shinichi NISHIDA, Teryaki SUZUKI, Masayoshi SUZUKI, Makoto WATANABE, Eriko FUJIMAKI and Yoshihiko HIRAI entitled ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2871.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on September 19, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from October 29, 1996, and February 13, 1997, based on Japanese Application Nos. 286642/1996, and 029032/1997, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 08/960,224.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	15 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$824.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 08/960,224. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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